



**Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the UN  
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**Statement**

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**Under Agenda Item (2): Presentation by the Director General on the Annual Report 2024**

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**Honorable Chair,  
Distinguished Delegates, and  
Dear Colleagues.**

My delegation warmly congratulates Ambassador Luis Juan Chuquihua Chil of Peru on his election as the First Chairperson of the IOM Council Bureau.

We extend our sincere appreciation to IOM Director General for presenting the Annual Report 2024. This report highlights the commendable work of IOM in achieving progress on its three core objectives: protecting people on the move and saving their lives, facilitating sustainable solutions for displaced persons worldwide, and promoting regular pathways for orderly migration.

It is a sad reality that in 2024, over 83 million people were forcibly displaced due to conflict, climate change, and economic instability. Tragically, 2024 also became the deadliest year on record for migrants, with 8,938 lives lost along dangerous migration routes.

Pakistan is concerned about the increasing restrictions on regular migration, which are diverting people towards irregular migration and may lead to exploitation in the form of human trafficking, thereby compelling migrants to take dangerous routes. Regular migration frameworks ensure that people can move across borders under regulated systems that safeguard their rights, foster economic opportunities, and encourage their social inclusion. Simultaneously, we urge all stakeholders to strengthen efforts to combat irregular migration by addressing root causes such as poverty, conflict, and lack of awareness, further steering individuals toward safer, legal alternatives. By aligning these approaches, societies can create an environment that prioritizes human dignity and economic stability while reducing the risks associated with irregular migration.

**Chairperson**

Regarding the institutional reforms by IOM in light of recent challenges, we encourage IOM to continue consulting member states about major decisions made in the context of IOM's internal reform, the UN80 initiative, and the humanitarian reset vision.

We reaffirm our strong support for IOM's mandate. We encourage all Member States to contribute to the IOM funding appeal, expand flexible funding, and invest in the Organization's institutional sustainability. Together, we must ensure that IOM is equipped to continue more efficiently its essential mission by protecting lives, supporting safe, regular and orderly migration and promoting migration as a force for development, peace and stability.

**I thanks you.**